

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows.

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method ~~for managing materialized views~~, the method comprising
2 the steps of:
3 a database management system receiving a request to generate a materialized view that
4 contains objects of an object class;
5 in response to receiving said request, said database management system creating said
6 materialized view;
7 said database management system performing operations on said objects as instances of
8 said object class;
9 wherein said object class defines attributes and one or more routines to
10 invoke to operate on the state of the objects of said object class; and
11 wherein the step of creating said materialized view includes creating a
12 container table that includes corresponding columns that correspond
13 to said attributes and that hold the values of said attributes.
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- 1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating said
2 materialized view includes the step of creating an object materialized view,
3 wherein said object materialized view is associated with an object class and
4 contains instances of said object class that correspond to rows of said object
5 materialized view.

- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating said materialized view
2 includes creating an object-relational view that includes at least one object column.

- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further includes the step of
2 receiving another request from a user requesting performance of said operations on said
3 objects as instances of said object class.
- 1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of said database
2 management system performing operations includes performing an operation on said
3 objects by invoking a routine defined by said object class.
- 1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of said database management
2 system generating refresh code that refreshes said materialized view.
- 1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of generating refresh code
2 that may be executed to fully refresh said materialized view.
- 1 8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of generating
2 refresh code that refreshes said materialized view based on modifications to one or
3 more base tables of said materialized view[[s]].
- 1 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of generating refresh
2 code includes the step of generating refresh code that references said corresponding
3 columns but not as said attributes of said object class.
- 1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said materialized view includes an object
2 column that has a plurality of nested tables that contain nested table objects.
- 3 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of creating said
4 materialized view includes the
5 step of creating another table that holds attributes of nested table objects of said
6 plurality of nested tables.

- 1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 said materialized view is associated with one or more base tables;
3 a base table of said one or more base tables includes a base column typed as an
4 object reference; and
5 wherein the step of creating said materialized view includes creating a particular
6 column of said container table that:
7 corresponds to said base column, and
8 is typed as an object reference.
- 1 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:
2 a first scope of said base column is a first set of tables; and
3 the particular column has a second scope that is different than said first scope.
- 1 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the second scope is another
2 materialized view based on said first set of tables.
- 1 15. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 1.
- 1 16. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 2.
- 1 17. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 3.
- 1 18. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 4.

- 1 19. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 5.
- 1 20. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 6.
- 1 21. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 7.
- 1 22. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 8.
- 1 23. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 9.
- 1 24. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 10.
- 1 25. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 11.
- 1 26. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 12.
- 1 27. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors,
3 causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 13.

- 1 28. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more
- 2 sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes
- 3 the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 14.